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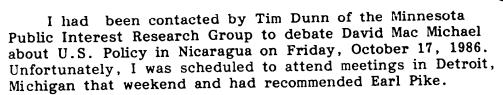
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William J. Casey, Director CIA Old Executive Office Building 17th Street and Pennsylvannia Ave NW Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Casey:



MacMichael claims to have been "a former CIA Analyst, a Counter-- insurgency expert, who once analyzed Central America intelligence information for the CIA".

I have heard that MacMichael never was a CIA employee but worked for a contract firm. I would like to know if MacMichael was a CIA employee.

To your knowledge, does MacMichael qualify to be a counter Insurgency expert regarding Central America?

I believe it is time to clear the air and correct the mis-statements and half truths by people such as MacMichael who seem to prosper on their criticism of our government.

While I realize there might be reason to say such information might violate the Privacy Act, there should also be reason to correct any false or mis-leading statements.

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CC: U.S. Senator Durenberger
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Former CIA analyst expects escalation in Nicaragua

By **Nicholas W. Pilugin** Staff Writer

A former CIA analyst predicted in St. Paul Friday that Contra rebels may try to seize territory in Nicaragua, an action that could lead to direct U.S. military involvement.

David MacMichael, a counter-insurgency expert who once analyzed Central American intelligence information for the CIA, came to the Twin Cities Friday campaigning for Democratic U.S. House candidate Ray Stock, who's running against incumbent Bill Frenzel (R-3rd District).

"If this thing goes into next year, MacMichael said, referring to U.S. support for the rebels, "there will be a very great pressure on the Contras to seize some territory.

He said the Atlantic coast, around Puerto Cabezas, was the most likely point for such an attempt because it is where the Sandinista government is weakest.

MacMichael said if the Contras

attempt to seize territory, they will be immediately surrounded by the Nicaraguan army, a situation similar to the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. He believes that direct U.S military involvement will then be likely, starting with a naval blockade. followed by U.S. troops.

"Believe me, a lot of Minnesotans will be coming home in plastic sacks." MacMichael said U.S. military involvement in Nicaragua would continue for some time because the Nicaraguan army is well trained

MacMichael called the recent downing of a cargo plane in Nicaragua "an important escalation" of the five-year-old war. He said that while this was the 17th aircraft to be shot down over Nicaragua, it was the first aircraft downed with an American crew. MacMichael also noted that there has been "frenzied recruiting" for American aircrews by air cargo firms such as Southern Air Transport, the company that owned the downed plane, that fly to Central America.

Another indication of impending escalation in the conflict is the sudden doubling in Southern Air Transport's fleet and government contracts. For 1986, Southern Air Transport received government contracts totaling \$42 million, about double the amount received in any of the last five years.

MacMichael said that while these contracts are for above-board services for the military and government agencies, he believes they are "well-padded" to cover clandestine operations.

Southern Air Transport was once owned by the CIA, and MacMichael charged that when the firm was sold to private owners, the agency agreed to use the airline for such missions.

MacMichael entered public debate over U.S policy on Nicaragua 2½ years ago when he revealed that as a CIA analyst he had seen no evidence of alleged arms shipments from Nicaragua to Salvadoran re-

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Former CIA analyst Dávid MacMichael thinks contin Nicaragua will eventually bring a large-scale invasio -ecale invasion by the United State

Local Democrat Stock uses Nicaragua crash as campaign issue

By Nicholas W. Pilugin Staff Writer

The cargo plane shot down over Nicaragua two weeks ago directed attention to U.S. policies in Central central theme of his campaign.

Since the Nicaraguan government downed the C-123 cargo plane, Stock has used the publicity over involvement of private U.S. citi-

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The Vietnam Syndrome refers to a perceived reluctance on the part of government officials and the American public to use force to stem the tide of communism after the wounds incurred in Vietnam, Mac-Michael said.

The Reagan administration saw Central America as an opportunity to stand up to the Soviet Union. MacMichael, however, called the administration's policies an "egregious failure."

But Pike cited a Gallup International poll indicating that over 90 percent of the Central American population sees Nicaragua as a threat and that approximately 70 percent of the people favor U.S. aid to the Contras.

The Central American debate was sponsored by the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, the Central American Working Group and the Progressive Student Organization.



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Ex-CIA analyst, author debate aid to Contras

By **Tim Wolf** Staff Writer

Administration proponents and opponents had it out over U.S, policy in Central America in Coffman Memorial Union Friday.

The debate featured David MacMichael, a former CIA analyst and outspoken critic of U.S. government policy and Earl A. Pike, a speaker, author, and advocate of the Reagan administration's Central American policy.

Included in the debate on Central American issues were: U.S. aid to the Contras, CIA activity, the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua, Cuban-Soviet involvement, and speculation on the future.

The debate produced applause, laughter, and some hissing from the standing-room-only crowd.

MacMichael said continued support of the Contras fighting the Sandinistas will eventually bring about a large-scale conventional invasion by the United States. He called the Reagan administration's support for the Contras a "policy of state terror, directed and funded by the U.S. government."

Pike countered by calling the Sandinistas an aggressive threat to the rest of Central America. "On the American continents there isn't a more repressive regime."

Continued support of the Contras is the only chance to combat an aggressive world-wide marxist revolution and establish a representative democracy in Nicaragua, he said.

Pike said international reports completely document Sandinista repression. The 6,500 political pris-oners in Nicaragua, the oppression of the Miskito Indians and the shutdown of La Prensa, an opposition newspaper in Nicaragua, illus-trate this repression.

MacMichael questioned the accuracy of the reports Pike cited. He said a "very sloppy job" was done on the reports, which were completed in only a week.

After the debate MacMichael said, "If every police force in Latin America acted like the Nicaraguan police, you would not see thick volumes of human rights abuse in the area."

MacMichael said the Reagan ad-ministration is only continuing the traditional policy pursued by both Democrats and Republicans for the last 100 years. Whether it's called gunboat diplomacy, good-neighbor policy or supporting the "freedom fighters" — the same actions continue.

Debate to 5



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Kevin Lavely from the Alternative Denie Teath showed off his high-fit technique Friday in front of Coffman Union. The team is aponsored be Alternative Bicycle Repair Shop.

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supporting administration MPIRG dismisses debater

Central American Working Group sive Student Organization and the sponsored by MPIRC, the Progresguan policy at a debate on Friday MPIRG asked Earl Pike to defend the Reagan administration's Nicara

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By Tim Wolf

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But Pike's experience with terrorist in Nicaragua, Dunn said ify him to speak about U.S. policy bombing techniques does not qual

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Because none of the sponsors were ex-CIA agents, but could not afford next turned to an organization of The CIA declined, however. They Reagan administration's policies. local conservative to defend the to pay a representative to come to the University. Then they attempted to schedule a

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partisan advocate rather than th offer to him, MPIRG has acted Pike said that by rescinding the they would return to the debation some semblance of objectivity tains to be. non-partisan organization it ma "MPIRC staffers could reclaim

bater, he said. Also, the debate on non-partisan because no politic sin parties are represented, he said so continued to the said so continued to secure a pro-administration dewas partisan. They had tried to But Dunn denied his organizati o originally established," Pike said

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analyst David MacMichael. Fortunately — how scheduled instead a solo speech by former CIA speaker Earl Pike, a Honeywell manager, and canceled its tentative invitation to pro-Contra MPIRC could find locally or afford to fly in. Rather debater could hope to stand - none, at least, that was sticking by its guns. It had found a critic $\underline{\phi}$ f the Reagan Doctrine after all. To readers of yesterday's than risk the unpredictability of a dialogue, it Reagan administration against whom no pro-Contra had invited and then canceled a pro-Contra debate Public Interest Research Group, which in one day denials of involvement in Nicaragua. The Minnesota ortunately remains to be seen Friday — Pike is Daily, the debate looked as certain as the latest CIA The campus is going to get its debate over the

rare species — cried out for reconsideration. as knowledgeable as MacMichael — admittedly a scrap the debate because it could not find a debater of the forum was admirable, too. But its plan to recruitment. MPIRG's decision to broaden the scope refluctant to visit campuses for any reason other than unlikely plan, since the CIA has become extremely to debate him. Although admirable, this was also an This was close to MPIRG's original goal when it invited MacMichael and sought a CIA representative campus for deciding where each person stands on Such a debate should be of interest to the entire the crucial moral issue of $\cup.S.$ aid to the Contras.

as a derense industry specialist, as a public speaker measure, Pike's qualifications — as a tested debater debate MacMichael. It sheer knowledge is the The issue is not whether Pike is the best choice to

> or who has the most information. And far from of MacMicheal. But debates aren't won on the merit pro-Contra Midwest Council for Democracy in Central America — will probably never match those administration's policy who maintains ties with America last year and as an advocate of the Reagan he is adequate for representing his position something to scoff at, Pike's credentials suggest that who gave some two dozen speeches on Central

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and the Central American Working Group (which co-sponsor the debate with MPIRG) balked at the of Coffman Memorial Union. Save us the best seats Michael rebut Pike, if he can, than by staging one more partisan attack. That is why we are glad that conclaves of last week's Progressive Student Organi chael. War advocates, whether in Honeywell or to Pike's politics, we want to see him face MacMi debate at 12:15 p.m. Friday in the Mississippi Room MPIRG has changed its mind and will present the heads are likely to be turned by hearing Maczation meeting. A member of MPIRG says that PSO must be heard and challenged if for no other reason elsewhere, are currently ascendant. Their voices Now the debate will have a voice for the abhorrent initial invitation of "a right-wing ideologue" who is than that public discourse is shaped outside the Despite this newspaper's philosophical opposition policy of U.S. interference in Central America. "moralistic." Too bad. Surprisingly enough, more

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Beauty and other environmental groups outraged Gulf of Mexico, have the Coalition for Scenic ways and rising on pylons from the East Coast to the Billboards, competing for our attention along high-A scourge along our federal highways has reached Capitol Hill, and it's not Dutch elm disease.

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(*Journalists shouldn't be so gullib-le," Oct. 14), we must hold the tive' but anonymous sources. disinformation. Kirkpatrick equates countable for the government's press, not the government, ac-According to Jeane Kirkpatrick blames the problem on " authorita counts "changed." And she chiefly both cases, the original news acthe disclosures about disinformadon's expenses. She claims that in ion with accounts of one ambassa-

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> Extension student Eric Shambach is that what we really want?

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